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We have received an invitation to the Twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Monday, November 29, 1909, at Helena, Ark.

Attorney J. Thomas Hewin can "possess his soul in patience" and go on his way in peace. The intimation that he has in any way gone out of his way to do an unprofessional thing or conspired to injure any innocent of wrong-doing is too absurd for a moment's notice or for an hour's consideration. This is where one's previous good record comes into the limelight and where good character is a luminous asset.

In these courtrooms, every known method of distortion and misrepresentation is resorted to in order to carry a point and to cloud and obscure the facts at issue. To establish the allegations, motive for the alleged improper conduct must be established. We have lived here long enough to know that the better class of law-abiding white and colored people understand the situation exactly and that they have formed their own conclusions as to the nature of the proceedings which have for the last few months confronted them.

When ministers of the gospel of known respectability and reliability are branded as liars, when they are known to be truthful men and men of character are sneered at as suspicious characters, when they are known to be honest, truthful individuals, the situation is at once explained and honest up-right attorneys of Mr. J. Thomas Hewin's caliber and character need have no fear of the deception of the public by such practices.

#### PRESIDENT TAFT IN RICHMOND.

President William H. Taft is a gentleman of a charming personality. We have seen and heard him speak in Richmond, the capital of the late Confederacy. He advised us as colored men to "stick to the farm." From an economic and practical standpoint this was wholesome advice.

As a matter of fact, the smaller part of us is in the cities and the larger part of us on the farms. We have not as yet succeeded in properly educating the ten per cent. of our people who are seeking for a place at the top along scientific, mechanical and financial lines.

It is true as the distinguished presidential visitor stated that we need to raise the standard of industrial education among the masses.

Hampton Institute under Principal H. B. Friswell and Tuskegee Institute under Principal Booker T. Washington are doing a great and grand work.

To the thousands of colored men who are aspiring to greater things, who are endeavoring to scale the heights of fame and place the banner of well earned success upon its ramparts, there has been no note of encouragement. These men will secure the reward for their services in the financial prosperity which shall crown their successful efforts. That President Taft was here to please those who so royally entertained him was evident. That he has determined to deny to the citizen of color the right to hold representative office must be evident to the most casual observer. There is one redeeming feature about it all, and that is he has evidently made up his mind to relegate to the shades of oblivion, those old line Republicans, who for more than a quarter of a century have followed the fortunes of the party. What else can he mean when he used the following language at the City Auditorium?

"When I was in the South, before the election, but when I was reasonably sure of being elevated to the office I now hold, I said that I was anxious to show Southern people that they are as much a part of the Union as any other part of the country. I have ever since endeavored to bring that out in my speeches throughout the country and in the appointment to Federal offices of men acceptable, who would not appear as the agents of an alien government, but as representatives of their own. A year has not yet elapsed, and you must give me three more years to demonstrate my sincerity."

The above words are promises for the future. If men appointed to office are to be only those acceptable and who are representatives of the Southern people, then so far as the officers are concerned, it matters little to us whether the administration at Washington is Republican or Democratic. Colored men in order to secure political office should get their applications signed by those Democrats, who have been fighting the Republican Party and Mr. Taft. We can see no ray of hope for us in the policy of President Taft, if we look at it from a political standpoint. He is dealing with these questions from a commercial standpoint and human rights are forgotten.

There will be soon new party alignments. Colored men of a new school will come upon the field of action and surprising adjustments and re-arrangements will be in evidence. The word "Republican" has but little significance as it was formerly understood, and the day of our political un-doing is at hand.

We are working, let us work harder. We are learning, let us learn faster. We are increasing our revenues; let us increase them more rapidly. We are serving God, let us serve Him more faithfully. We are making friends among our white neighbors, let us so conduct ourselves as to be able to multiply the number an hundred fold.

Above all, let us turn our faces from Washington and direct our gaze upon the capitals of the several states in which we live. Selah.

#### THE ELECTION.

The result of the local elections last Tuesday, while having but slight national significance would seem to indicate that the Democratic Party as at present constituted has found practically no reason to hope for a return to power in the national government. The defeat of Tammany in New York city was very significant. It shows that Hon. W. R. Hearst kept out of the race, the indications are that Judge Gaynor, his chief political opponent would have been defeated.

As the matter now stands the Fusion Republican organization will control the financial part of the city government and will expend one billion dollars in improvements. Should the combination remain united and not fall out over the "loaves and fishes", there is danger ahead for the Democratic organization in New York.

The result in Virginia is just as everybody expected. The Republican candidates made a fight and they lost. At the present rate of increase the Party may come into power again in this state in about twenty-five or fifty years. Still, it is best to have a minority party, if for no other purpose than to have a place of refuge for the disgruntled democrats, who are badly in need of an asylum, from which the issuance of threats may cause some embarrassment to their enemies, if not actual harm to those whom they condemn for past evil doing.

#### Hot Dishes.

To make dinner plates and dishes hot before sending to the table dip them in very hot water instead of putting them in the oven. This takes only a little more time than putting them in the oven and is less liable to crack the china.

#### TO HONOR JOHN BROWN.

December 2 and Not December 29  
Date Set For 50th Anniversary  
of John Brown's Death.

To the Colored Citizens of the United States and their fellow countrymen—

Greeting:  
Inasmuch as by some error the New England Suffrage League at its 6th Annual Session in Boston on October 4th urged the Colored people of the United States to generally celebrate the 50th anniversary of the public murder of John Brown and named the date December 29, 1909, we the undersigned officers of said League announce that the proper date is December 2, 1909.

In pursuance of the vote of the League ratified by the mass meeting at St. Paul Baptist Church on the night of October 4th, and in consonance with its spirit we issue this appeal first to all Colored Americans and also to all their fellow countrymen to assemble in public memorial meeting on December 2, next to honor the memory of this proto-martyr of freedom. We especially urge the National Independent Political League and the Niagara Movement to hold such public memorial meetings and all literary or patriotic societies to do so. We appeal to all the Colored churches of this country and to all other churches, to set aside the Sunday proceeding December 2nd in honor of John Brown as a day of prayer for the cause of freedom for which he laid down his life and of honor to this great crusader.

We further appeal to the Colored press and to all other publications to spread this appeal broadcast before their readers.

WM. MONROE TROTTER, PRES.,  
77 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

REV. W. W. RYAN, Cor. Sec'y,  
41 Court St., W. Newton, Mass.

#### WAGES VS. LIVING

Eastern Railroads May Grant Employees' Demands For Increase.

New York, Nov. 10.—Conferences are being held here by railway officials to discuss the request of employees of the eastern railroads for higher wages. These demands are based on the high cost of living, and the consensus of opinion among railway officers is to grant an increase in pay, but as small an increase as possible. That course is considered the only alternative of upsetting the improvement being shown in gross earnings.

It was also learned that employees of western roads were preparing a higher wage scale to submit to their employers. The demand for higher wages, both in the east and west, are coming from all departments of labor. There has been practically no change in the wages of railway employees since the autumn of 1906, when the Pennsylvania granted an increase of 10 per cent. That increase was subsequently granted by all of the roads.

#### Grows Seedless Apples.

Georgetown, Del., Nov. 10.—The first seedless apples ever grown in this part of the state were brought to town by Frank Rogers, who gathered them from his young orchard near Shortley. The yield was very small on account of the wet spring and the tenderness of the trees.

#### Only a Supposition.

Editor—I hear you referred to nowadays too often as a "cheap humorist." Humorist—Thank you, sir. Editor—Why thank me? Humorist—I supposed you were about to make my salary such that the taunt would be no longer just—Exchange.

#### How to Keep Silverware Bright.

Here is a good homemade liquid for keeping silver clean. It is a great help to every one who has tried it.

Make a strong alum water and skim off all the particles that will not dissolve. To this add shavings of pure white soap. Let them dissolve and bottle it. After the silver has been cleaned with whitening or any other soap or liquid that comes for that purpose rub each piece with a clean bit of cheesecloth soaked with this alum water. It adds luster and keeps the silver clean for quite some time. If it is found that any silver spoon or cup has been stained by medicine or egg, dip a cloth in sulphuric acid, rub the stained part until it disappears, then wash the piece in soap and water.

#### How to Soothe Tired Feet.

People who must stand at their work all day should wear very comfortable shoes with broad soles, well fitting arches, and proper heels. This is the only possible way of being comfortable under the circumstances. It is well also to wear high shoes, buttoned or laced closely around the ankles, which are apt to swell from the long strain of standing. The feet should be given a hot bath every night, as well as a morning bath, when they should be scrubbed with a stiff brush. A soothing bath for tired feet is warm water with a little baking soda or borax dissolved in it. A vigorous rub with alcohol is also good. Another soothing application is to rub the feet with a piece of lemon.

#### How to Fasten Hair Bows.

Little girls often have their hair "bobbed," and the mothers or nurses who must tie on the large bows are often perplexed as to how to fasten these large ribbons to the small wisps of hair. Here is a very good arrangement which overcomes the difficulty and at the same time preserves the ornamental bow without necessitating retying it each day. Make the large bow and sew a strip of stout baby ribbon of the same color underneath. Wind the narrow ribbon around the hair several times, tie in a tight bow knot and it will hold nicely.

## \$25,000,000 FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

Amazing Bequests in Will of John S. Kennedy, of New York.

## \$35,000,000 TO RELATIVES

Fifty-five Institutions in All Parts of the United States and Five Abroad to Benefit With Large Bequests.

John Stewart Kennedy's will, which was filed in New York, disposes of an estate estimated at \$60,000,000 value, of which about \$25,000,000 is bequeathed for the public benefit, being distributed among various religious, educational and charitable institutions. The executors of the will are the testator's wife, Emma B. Kennedy, who survives him; his nephews, William Stewart Todd and Robert Elliot Todd, and Mr. De Forest, whom the testator describes as his friend.

After quoting the estimated value of the estate at "about \$60,000,000," Mr. De Forest said: "Broadly speaking, Mr. Kennedy leaves a little more than one-quarter of his entire estate to his wife, a little more than one-quarter to relatives and friends, and he gives something less than one-half to various religious, charitable, benevolent and educational institutions, about sixty in all, five of which are abroad."

Cooper Union gets \$20,000; the National Academy of Design, \$20,000; the University of Glasgow, "where from my infancy I resided until I came to this country," says the testator, \$100,000; the Tuskegee Institute (Booker T. Washington's), \$100,000, and the Syrian Protestant college at Beirut, \$25,000.

Seven of the country's colleges receive \$100,000 each, namely: Yale, Amherst, Williams, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Hamilton and the Hampton Normal school. Ten of the educational institutions receive \$50,000 each, these being Lafayette, Wellesley and Oberlin colleges, Barnard college and the Teachers' college in this city, Elmira college, Northfield seminary, the Mt. Vernon Boys' school at Gill, Mass.; Antiochia college, at Marsovon, Turkey, this latter bequest being made for the college to the American board of commissioners for foreign missions and Berea college in Kentucky.

The American board of commissioners for foreign missions receives also \$20,000 for the American school at Smyrna, Lake Forest university, Ill., and Central school, Danville, Ky., each receive \$25,000.

"Mr. Kennedy's residuary estate," said Mr. De Forest, "is divided into sixty-four parts, of which Mrs. Kennedy receives 16, Mr. Kennedy's relatives 17, and public institutions 3. In addition to the one-sixty-fourth of his residuary estate given to Mrs. Kennedy, she receives his city residence, 6 West Fifty-seventh street; his country residence at Bar Harbor, and \$1,000,000 in cash.

"It is estimated that each sixty-fourth part of the residuary estate will have a value of approximately \$750,000."

Mrs. Astor Wins Divorce Suit.  
In the space of one minute by the clock and without once mentioning the names of either John Jacob Astor, the millionaire social leader or of his wife, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, Justice Mills in New York granted an interlocutory decree of divorce to the latter and signed an order sealing the papers so that the public shall know nothing of the case.

The great wealth of the litigants and the astuteness and diplomacy of the lawyers engaged on both sides combined to make the Astor divorce one of the most remarkable court proceedings ever witnessed in the state, if not in the country.

The name of the case was not called and the procedure was so swift and mysterious as regarded the identity of the two principals that the people crowding the courtroom did not know that the divorce had been granted.

It is said that the court has ordered that Mrs. Astor is to have custody of Muriel Ava Alice Astor, her seven-year-old daughter, and Colonel Astor will take charge of Vincent, the son, who is at present cruising with his father on the yacht Nourmahal in West Indian waters.

Mrs. Astor's friends say that she will probably make her home abroad after the final settlement of the divorce proceedings. The same friends say that Colonel Astor agreed to settle \$10,000,000 on his wife in lieu of all money.

Felis Cashier; Escapes With \$14,165.  
After striking down William Dobbs, the cashier in the office of the Canadian Express company, at Niagara Falls, Ont., with a piece of iron pipe, a lone man vaulted the counter and made off with a package containing \$14,165 in cash. He had a confederate, who stood outside the door, and the two disappeared down the street. All efforts on the part of the police to locate the pair have thus far been futile.

The first that was known of the robbery was when Bruce Brown, the agent in charge of the office, entered the office to get the waybills and package of money. He found Dobbs unconscious on the floor back of the counter, with blood flowing from a gaping wound back of his right ear.

Mr. Brown raised an alarm at once, but it was more than an hour before Dobson was sufficiently revived to give even a meager description of the man who struck him down.

Lone Robber Gets \$2000.  
A masked bandit, working alone, stole \$2000 in cash from the home of Schuyler Ranier, seventy-two years old, a wealthy farmer, residing near Florence, N. J.

The crime has baffled the police by its desperate boldness. Although the Ranier homestead is less than a half mile from the Florence postoffice, and fronts on a much frequented public road, the robber, after locking the door, dynamited the big safe, which has been Ranier's bank for years, the storehouse at times for as much as \$25,000 in gold.

Mrs. Jane Nickson, nearly seventy years old, and the sole occupant of the farmhouse when the masked robber entered, is in a critical condition from the shock of the struggle with the bandit.

#### Found Gun; Kills Brother.

While going home from school at Delmar, Del., Logan and Roger, the young sons of Calvin Pollitt, a well-known farmer of Loretto, found a shotgun, supposedly left by a hunter. Logan, six years old, picked up the gun and, pointing it at his brother, Roger, nine years old, pulled the trigger. The entire contents of one barrel was emptied into the lad's stomach.

The little fellow then picked up the bleeding body, and after carrying it to his home, fainted from grief. Upon a doctor's arrival he pronounced Roger dead.

#### To Demand Higher Wages.

Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, indicated in an interview given out at Pittsburgh that the miners will make a stand for higher wages in the spring. Mr. Lewis declared that work at the mines is improving and bound to continue so. He also expressed his confidence of re-election to the presidency of the organization, explaining that about two locals have nominated him against every one that named his opponent, William Green, of Ohio.

#### Killed in Pennant Rush.

Ray Graham, twenty years old, died from injuries which he received in a rush following the raising of a school pennant after a football game at Red Cedar park between the East High and the West High school teams of Waterloo, Iowa.

In the scrimmage incident to the raising of the pennant to the flagstaff, Graham sustained an injury to his right temple. He became delirious. He was the son of a widowed mother.

#### Raise For Coke Workers.

An advance in wages of about 15 per cent by the H. C. Frick Coke company, the fuel end of the United States Steel corporation, is looked as a Christmas gift to three thousand employees. The news has leaked out of the Pittsburgh offices in the shape of a semi-official announcement. An increase of sixteen cents on the present estimated production cost of \$1.94 per ton of coke is the arrangement to be submitted.

#### Fairbanks Shaves His Beard.

Charles Warner Fairbanks, former vice president of the United States, has shaved off his whiskers. Photographs of Mr. Fairbanks taken in Japan, just received in Washington, show that he has discarded the chin beard which he wore for so long. The deed was committed after he left this country for the Orient. Mr. Fairbanks retained his moustache.

#### Football Causes Another Death.

Harry Huston, nineteen years old, is dead from heart failure as the result of over-exertion during a football game at Crawfordsville, Ind. He suffered fainting spells after a scrimmage and complained of pains in the region of his heart. Other players assisted him from the gridiron. Huston succumbed a few minutes later.

#### Sulphur Bath Stampedes Buffalo.

Made furious at being dipped in a sulphur bath to kill the ticks on them, a herd of thirty-four buffalo stampeded on Frank Rockefeller's ranch, near Belvidere, Kan., and are now scattered over Kiowa county. Five horses were used in pursuing one bull, whose value is \$1500, but he is still at large.

#### Old Man Caught in Fire.

William Hay, seventy-five years old, who resided with his son, Edward Hay, about two miles above Reeders, Pa., met death when the house in which he slept was destroyed by fire, the aged man being caught in the flames.

#### Boy of Ten Sent to Prison.

Cyril St. Armand, of Toronto, Ont., ten years old, was sentenced to six years in jail for horse stealing. When eight years old he was convicted of an attempt to wreck a Canadian Pacific railway train.

#### Grew 227 Bushels Corn on One Acre.

J. F. Butts grew 227 bushels of corn on one acre near Raleigh, N. C., according to an official state report. This is said to break the record in this country.

#### New Station For Baltimore.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has decided to build a new passenger station in Baltimore to cost about \$1,000,000. The new station will be on the site of the present union terminal.

#### Lone Robber Loots Bank.

A lone robber held up Arthur D. Chateau, teller at the Farmers' Exchange bank at Green Bay, Wis., and escaped with about \$1000.

#### EIGHT DIE AS BARK SINKS

Collision Between Barkentine and Schooner Ends Fatally.  
New York, Nov. 10.—Eight lives were lost in the collision between the barkentine John S. Bennett and an unknown schooner off Block Island.

Reports of the disaster were brought here by the schooner William Jones, which picked up two Filipino sailors. Both the barkentine and the schooner sank after the collision.

The Bennett left here Friday bound for Halifax, laden with coal. Little could be learned from the Filipinos who could not speak English. They said they had shipped here on the Bennett.

#### New \$20,000,000 Bridge Is Weak.

New York, Nov. 10.—Signs of weak-

ness are said to be appearing in the land spans of the new \$20,000,000 Williamsburg bridge, opened in 1903, and it is reported that Bridge Commissioner Stevenson will ask for an appropriation of \$500,000 to strengthen it. No fears are expressed that the bridge will collapse, but traffic will be suspended temporarily.

## WILL APPEAL CONTEMPT CASE

Federation of Labor Backs Up Their Three Leaders.

## CALL TRIAL UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Council in Session at Toronto Denounce Trial Without a Jury as Deprivation of Priceless Heritage.

Toronto, Nov. 10.—If Samuel Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, eventually have to serve jail sentences for contempt of court, it will not be due to lack of support from trades unionism.

The executive council of the federation recommended to the annual convention that an appeal be taken to the United States supreme court, both in the Bucks Store and Range company's injunction case and in the contempt proceedings growing out of it.

That the convention will ratify the recommendation seems certain, and that the three labor leaders and their fellow officers will be re-elected for another year is predicted.

Report concerning the Gompers trial in part read:  
"We recommend that an appeal be taken from the decision rendered in both the original injunction as well as the contempt case growing out of it. We cannot permit these decisions to go unchallenged. They affect fundamental rights, and either the courts or congress must safeguard them."

"It should be borne in mind that in these proceedings Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison did not have the constitutional right of trial by jury. All the circumstances in this case go to prove that conviction would not have followed if the case had been submitted on its merits to a jury of their peers. We hold that, excepting where contempt is in the presence of the court, the liberty of no citizen should be committed to the keeping of any one man, regardless of who he may be or what position he may hold; on the contrary, we hold that a citizen charged with violating an injunction the penalty of which involves imprisonment, should have the same legal right to a trial by jury that is always accorded to a person charged with violation of the criminal law. To deny the right of trial by jury is to take from the people the protection and priceless heritages which were secured by them after centuries of persevering struggle, sacrifice, exile and ever martyrdom."

"Whatever differences of opinion may exist among men as to any controversies between labor and capital no good citizen of our country who treasures freedom can rest secure until trial by jury becomes so well recognized and so firmly established in our legal jurisprudence that no man will ever again attempt to deny this essential and historic right."

The council also recommended that organized labor take appropriate action looking toward the naming of suitable citizens to fill vacancies that may occur in the supreme court of the United States in the lesser federal courts.

#### CUT GIRL UP, HE SAYS

"Herb Doctor" Confesses Manslaughter in Revolting Crime.  
Taunton, Mass., Nov. 10.—While the attorney for "Professor" Frank L. Hill, the Fall River herb doctor, who pleaded guilty to an indictment of manslaughter in connection with the Tiverton suit case mystery, was making a statement in the nature of a confession, reporters in Fall River found in a spot indicated in the confession the head of the victim, which completed the dismembered body of the missing young woman, Miss Amelia St. Jean.

Hill's attorney told the court that Miss St. Jean died in Hill's office as a result of her own act, after Hill had refused to give her the surgical relief which she sought.

Terrified, the lawyer said, Hill dismembered the body and disposed of it. The torso and limbs he scattered along the Bulgarmarsh road in Tiverton, while the head was wrapped in a blue skirt and thrown into the bushes near St. Patrick's cemetery in Fall River.

The maximum sentence for manslaughter in this state is twenty years' imprisonment.

#### CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Thursday, November 4.

Shots were heard in a room at Keystone, near Bluefield, W. Va., and when the door was forced the dead bodies of Connie Blackwell and a Hungarian were found.

Twenty-five people were hurt, three fatally, when a car on the University place line at Des Moines, Ia., jumped the track at the foot of Nineteenth street hill while headed down town.

John Marrooney, a negro, is under arrest at Battle Creek, Mich., on suspicion of being the man wanted in Chicago for the robbery of \$5000 worth of diamonds from Mrs. A. Hirsch last August.

Friday, November 5.

The new Dreadnought North Dakota made a speed of 22.25 knots on her trial trip, making her the fastest Dreadnought battleship afloat.

Albert Koch, a merchant at Bern-

#### \$3.50 RECIPE CURES WEAK MEN—FREE

Send Name and Address Today—You Can Have It Free and Be Strong and Vigorous.

I have in my possession a prescription for nervous debility, lack of vigor, weakened manhood, failing memory and lame back, brought on by excesses, unnatural drains, or the follies of youth, that has cured so many worn and nervous men right in their own homes—without any additional help or medicine—that I think every man who wishes to regain his manly power and virility, quickly and quietly, should have a copy. So I have determined to send a copy of the prescription free of charge, in a plain, ordinary sealed envelope to any man who will write me for it.

This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men and I am convinced it is the surest acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together. I think I owe it to my